

**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 21, with the following amended paragraph:

The composition of the present invention has the benefits of treatment with Dead Sea minerals, but ~~non~~none of the drawbacks. It is easy and simple to use and, in contrast with the treatments used today, may be in prolonged contact with the skin, enhancing the beneficial effects of the Dead Sea minerals.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 21, with the following amended paragraph:

According to specific requirements, a) may further ~~comprise~~comprise a prior step of adding antioxidants and/or fragrance to the hydrophobic active agent and solubilizer, and step b) may further ~~comprise~~comprise adding the hydrophilic active agent together with the gelling agent and the remaining water and Dead Sea water.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

Hydrophilic active agents which may be used in the composition of the present invention may be humectants, such as glycerin, glycereth-7 or 12 or 26, butylene glycol, propylene glycol, panthenol, sorbitol and sorbitan laureth, or  $\alpha$ -hydroxy acids, such as citric acid, lactic acid, glycolic acid and malic acid or anti-irritant~~anti-irritant~~

agents, such as allantoin, PEG-28 or PEG-82, glyceryl  
tollowate or plant extracts, such as Aloe barbadensis~~aloe  
barbadensis~~ extract or gel, balm mint extract, Calendula  
officinalis ~~Calendula officinalis~~ extract, Fenugreek  
extract, Ginseng extract, Horse ~~chestnut~~ chestnut extract,  
Ivy extract, Jujube extract, Matricaria extract and Witch  
hazel extract, or moisturizing agents, such as sodium  
hyaluronate, sodium PCA, sodium lactate, glycolipids,  
ceramides, sphingolipids and phospholipids and hydrolyzed  
plant proteins, such as hydrolyzed soy protein, hydrolyzed  
silk protein, hydrolyzed wheat protein, and hydrolyzed rice  
protein.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6,  
line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

The solubilizers used in the present invention are  
nonionic compounds such as ~~tween~~ Tween-20 or 80, oleth-20,  
ceteth-20 and PEG-hydrogenated castor oils-36,40,60. In the  
present invention the term "Dead Sea water" relates to any  
water with a TDS (Total Dissolved Salt) value between 25%  
and 40%. This value is typical for the water in the Dead  
Sea, and varies slightly depending on the depth and location  
from which the water is taken.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6,  
line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

The composition of the present invention comprises  
Dead Sea water, hydrophobic or hydrophilic active agents, or

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any mixture thereof, gelling agents or any other viscosity modifiers, a solubilizer and water, preferably, deionized water.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

The following formulas of the ~~peresent~~ present composition were prepared, formed a gel and were found stable for 4 weeks at 45°C. Formula I formed a clear transparent ~~gel.gel~~ (the ~~nomenclature~~ nomenclature used in the following examples are INCI names-):